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HOUSE MEMORIAL 42

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Lovington, a city of nearly ten thousand persons in southeastern New Mexico, was established in 1908; and

WHEREAS, Lovington, whose first post office was housed in the Jim B. Love grocery store and run by the proprietor of the grocery store, offers warm summer days, cool nights and mild sunny winters; and

WHEREAS, from the time of its establishment, Lovington has been a center for ranching and farming families spread across southeastern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Lovington was designated as the county seat when Lea county was created from parts of Chaves and Eddy counties in 1917; and

WHEREAS, oil was discovered in 1928 in Lovington, but had

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1 little impact on the economy until 1950, when the Denton pool
2 nine miles northeast of town was discovered; and

3 WHEREAS, oil then quickly transformed Lovington, as some
4 ninety-two flowing wells were established soon after 1950 and
5 people working on the wells poured into the town; and

6 WHEREAS, the natural gas boom also contributed to the
7 growth of Lovington beginning in 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, the dairy industry has begun to take part in the
9 growth of the city, whose population mushroomed from four
10 hundred eleven people in 1920 to one thousand nine hundred
11 sixteen in 1940 to the current nine thousand six hundred; and

12 WHEREAS, today, Lovington boasts a public library with
13 over forty-nine thousand items, a senior citizen center, an
14 activity center, five city parks, one swimming pool, eleven
15 baseball fields, numerous practice fields for little league,
16 one shooting range, a museum, a hospital, four doctors, two
17 chiropractors, three dentists, at-home nursing services, well-
18 trained emergency transportation personnel and scores of civic
19 organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, Lovington is home to national football league
21 player Brian Urlacher; and

22 WHEREAS, Lovington is the former home of professional
23 golfers Ronnie Black and Sean Murphy;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it join with

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1 Lovington residents to celebrate one hundred years as a
2 community; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state take pride in the
4 ongoing growth, development and contributions of this
5 southeastern city; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor, to each of the state's southern
8 New Mexico elected officials, to the mayor of Lovington and to
9 each of the public schools in Lovington.

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